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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A surgical method to treat osteonecrosis of the femoral head comprising (1) a surgical step to osteotomize trochanteric area, adjacent to subtrochanteric area but not the subtrochanteric area, without detaching the greater trochanter, (2) a surgical step to rotate the head and neck portion so that the intact portion of the head can be rotated superiorly, and (3) a surgical step to fix the osteotomy site by screws.